consider the claims of all communities in making appointments. But as you allege that the circulars are not being carried into effect, the matter will be noted for consideration and enquiry.]

171. Entertainment of Catholic Christians of South Travancore in public service.

MR. F. DAVY (*Nominated*) said that the Latin Christians could not stand comparison with the other communities in the matter of education and material well-being. Some educated men of the community went to foreign countries, *e. g.*, Burma and Ceylon, for employment, as they could not obtain appointments in the State.

The Latin Christians formed one-twelfth of the total population and one-third of the aggregate Christian population. of the State. But their representation in public service was practically *nil*. It should be the policy of Government and the heads of departments to appoint a large number of qualified Latin Catholics in service.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Davy, I may tell you that the Latin Christians will have equal opportunities with every other community in the matter of entry into public service; and they will never have differential treatment meted out to them. You may rest assured that equal opportunities will never be denied to the Latin Christians.

172. Grant of preference to the members of the Visvakarma community in the matter of recruitment to Government service and special concessions to those already in service.

MR. JOSIER M. ARUMUKHAM ASARI (*Nominated*) said that the Visvakarma community, to which he belonged, was very backward in education and that therefore the Government should take steps to help its progress. Members of the community should also be adequately represented in public service.

The member referred to the fact that they were qualified to check Tiruvabharanams in the Devaswom Department. Yet no member of that community had been appointed to do that work. Their claims to such posts should be considered early.

The Superintendent of the School of Arts should also be selected from that community. If fully qualified men were not available, members of that community should be selected to undergo training in similar institutions in Bombay, Calcutta and other places and, after training, appointed in the School of Arts, Trivandrum.

A separate officer should be appointed to control the checking and stamping of weights and measures in the State and the appointment should be set apart for members of the Visvakarma community.

Members of the community should also be entertained as Inspectors in the Excise, Police, and Co-operative Departments and also as clerks in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Applications had been made in vain by members of the community to the heads of those departments. A circular should be issued to them to give preferential treatment to such applicants.

Lastly, the member said that the inhabitants of Nagercoil were put to much hardship on account of the scarcity of drinking water. The Municipal council had prepared and submitted to the Government a water supply scheme but it had not the necessary funds to carry it out. But if the Anantanarkal be extended by a furlong from Chettikulam, the Perumalkulam, the Oottankaraikulam and the Kanchankulam would have a perennial supply of water and thereby the people of Minakshipuram, Mettuthervu and other places would be benefited. The cost of the work would not be large and therefore the Government should take it up at an early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: மி: ஜோஸ்யர் நிங்கள் உத்தியோகவிஷயமாகப் பேசினீர்கள். உத்தியோக விஷயத்தில் மற்ற வகுப்பினர்களுக்குக் கொடுப்பதுபோல் உங்களுடைய சமுதாயத்திலும் தகுதியுள்ளவர்களுக்கு உத்தியோகங்கள் கொடுக்கப்படும். பின்பு ஏதோ சில பிரத்தியேகமான வேலைகளுக்கு உங்களுடைய சமுதாயத்திலுள்ளவர்கள் தேர்ந்தவர்களென்று கூறினீர். அப்படிப்பட்ட வேலைகளுக்கு உங்களில் யோக்கியதையுள்ளவர்கள் இருப்பார்களானால் அவர்களை முதலாவதாகக் கவனிக்கப்படும்.

MEMBER: நாகர்கோவிலில் எங்கள் ஜனங்கள் குடிக்கத்தண்ணீரில்லாமல் கஷ்டம் அனுபவித்துவருகிறார்கள். ஆதலால் எங்களுக்குத் தண்ணீர்வசதி அளித்துத்தரும்படி நாகர்கோயில் முனிஸிபாலிடிக்கு ஒரு உத்திரவு அளிக்கக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

DEWAN: இவ்விஷயத்தை நாகர்கோவில் முனிஸிபாலிடிக்கு அனுப்புகிறேன்

[As in the case of other communities, qualified members of the Kammala community also will be entertained in public service. In regard to the grant of preference to members of that community for certain appointments, if they are duly qualified for those appointments they will be appointed.

The request relating to the supply of water to Kammala quarters in Nagercoil will be referred to the Nagercoil Municipality.]

173. Muslims and public service.

MR. P. J. BAVA (*Nominated*) said that, notwithstanding the ceaseless agitation kept up by the Muslim community for adequate representation in public service, only a Magistrate and a Munsiff were recruited from the community. All the other vacancies and the new appointments that were created in the various departments were given to members of the communities which were over-represented in service.

There was not a single Muhommedan employee in the Revenue Department, excluding the clerks and peons in the offices of the controlling officers. None of the 400 Proverthicars were Muhommedans.

The number of Muslim teachers in the Education Department in Tirupal limits insignificant. It would take several years for the